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Identical letters dated 8 November 2000 from the Secretary-General to the Presidents of the General Assembly and the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit the texts of letters dated 30 October 2000 (see annexes I and II) addressed to my Personal Representative for Afghanistan by the two Afghan warring parties, expressing their agreement to a process of dialogue under my good offices aimed at bringing about, in the shortest possible time, an end to the armed conflict in Afghanistan through political means (see annex III).

I should be grateful if you could have the text of the present letter and the annexes circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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Annex I

I have the honour to request, on behalf of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, that you make public the attached agreement.

(*Signed*) Mulla Amir Khan **Muttaqi**
Minister of Education and Head of the negotiating delegation

Annex II

I have the honour to request, on behalf of the Islamic State of Afghanistan that you make public the attached agreement.

(*Signed*) Abdullah **Abdullah**
Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Head of the negotiating commission of the Islamic State of Afghanistan

Annex III

Agreement

The two sides hereby agree to a process of dialogue under the good offices of the Secretary-General of the United Nations aimed at bringing about, in the shortest possible time, an end to the armed conflict in Afghanistan through political means.

The two sides agree that this process will be conducted either by means of direct meetings between their respective negotiating commissions with the active participation of the Secretary-General or his Personal Representative or indirectly through the intermediary of the Secretary-General or his Personal Representative.

Each side undertakes to be represented in the dialogue by a high-level, duly authorized commission.

The two sides undertake to participate in the dialogue with serious intent and in good faith and not to abandon the process unilaterally but rather to pursue it without interruption until the negotiating agenda, to be agreed by the two sides, is exhausted.